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Letter dated 2 May 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

In my capacity as Chair of the group of Western European and other States for the month of May 2017, I have the honour to inform you that, further to our letter to the President of the General Assembly dated 29 June 2016 (A/70/964), Italy relinquishes its seat on the Security Council effective at the end of the day (midnight) on 31 December 2017.

I also have the honour to recall that, for the required by-election, scheduled for 2 June 2017, the Kingdom of the Netherlands is the endorsed and only candidate of the Western European and other States for the remainder of the current Council term (1 January-31 December 2018).

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 112 (a).

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